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Season's
BEATINGS
GRUDGE MATCH!
The American Dream, Dusty Rhodes vs. Road Warrior "Animal"! NWA World Heavyweight Champion Ric Flair & U.S Heavyweight Champion Barry Windham vs. Midnight Express with Jim Cornette. Plus much more! Watch to see who gets wrapped!
CLASH OF THE Champions IV
TONIGHT 7:05
SuperStation TBS.

STEVE'S SIDELIGHTS
By Steve Beverly

"I think you're capable of better work than this."

---Johnny Carson to young writer Dick Cavett, 1964

I had to watch SEASON'S BEATINGS on a tape delay Wednesday night. Just before rolling the tape, a trusted source asked me, "Have you got a fast forward control on your remote?" I said, "Yes." He countered, "You'll use it."

With the exception of the two-thirds of the opener and the finely-worked finale, CLASH OF THE CHAMPIONS IV couldn't even qualify as a prime-time supercard.

When you see the ratings later, you'll understand why TBS executives are quite satisfied with the numbers. They should be. Because this show suffered from what we in academia would call an "inverted-U curve" in quality---high at the upper ends and quite low in the center.

I'm going to start with the minuses this time because you'll accuse me of a cover-up job if I don't:

TECHNICAL

The show suffered from several glitches that, frankly, are understandable, considering this was the first time an all-TBS crew was used for production. At least three times in the show, mikes were not hot when an announcer was speaking. Again, we had too many pretty girl shots while key action was transpiring in the ring, particularly in the first event. The overhead camera shot was a case of a try at innovation, except the shot was too wide. Had the camera been zoomed beyond the light bar over the ring, the shots would not have made the wrestlers look like ants. The only two times I felt it was close to effective was on one Ric Flair tag and when Hawk did his run-in against Dusty Rhodes. But I'd like to see it again with a closer angle.

Perhaps it was just me, but I felt the lighting was weaker on this show than on past CLASH events. One TBS exec told me that a new lighting system had been planned but wasn't available in time for the show.

In addition, ring announcer Ron Kirk's time calls often outvolumed Jim Ross & Bob Caudle's commentary to distraction. The audio needs to be better balanced next time out.

Finally, in the last match were two key problems: (1) Paul E. Dangerously's insert interview appeared ill-timed and flanked a shot of the ring action which was far too wide; (2) Until the replays, the finish was missed. The camera concentrated so closely on Jim Cornette and Jim Dillon's exchange that we missed seeing Flair use the shoe to set up Windham's pin on Eaton. Tommy Edwards might be forgiven for this one: the match was not supposed to end that early but Eaton felt he'd possibly hurt some ribs after a Windham powerslam so the match was abbreviated. Edwards simply didn't expect the end so soon.

CREATIVE

Where should I start? Paul Jones vs. Ivan Koloff was one of the ten worst matches of my lifetime. It was enough to make a Prince of Darkness match seem like a classic. A TBS official assured me something like that will never happen again on a CLASH.

Plus, no way Steve Williams should go 16 minutes with The Italian Stallion (who had done a 63-second job for Windham at the Columbus TV taping the night before). That should have been a quick 5-minute opener to get Williams over as a tough guy. Heck, he beat Bubba Rogers for the UWF title quicker than this.

Dusty-Animal was the predictable stuff but it came off to me more as an angle than a match to decide something.

The NWA badly needs to know how to structure interviews: both the Sting and Junkfood Dog run-ins were clearly telegraphed by interviewing them before their saves of Rhodes and Koloff than getting reaction afterward. Plus, wasn't it supremely credible for Magnum T.A. to tell us "Paul Jones has run Nikita Koloff out of wrestling?" When? How? Did he give Nikita the same rib injuries Ronnie Garvin suffered from Dusty? It'll really be credible when Nikita appears on ATLANTIC COAST WRESTLING in January.

In addition, if the U.S. TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP victory of the Fantastics was so prestigious, why weren't they presented the belts and why didn't we get an interview with the winners? Maybe this is another indication the NWA has too many belts.

Jim Ross and Bob Caudle were a shining light in this show but the middle hour was so slow that Jim was reduced to overselling the matches and he told me one too many times what a "phenomenal night" this was. Jim knew better---I wish he'd diluted his adjectives.

Lastly, Luger added nothing to the broadcast and his remark of how much influence JYD had on his career was incredulous! At least to help STARRCADE along, couldn't we have at least had a verbal confrontation between Luger & Flair? And if Tony Schiavone was to assume the Brent Musberger role, why wasn't he the one to set up the broadcast from the top?

Now, to the plusses:

TECHNICAL

TBS did give us a good opening to set the locale scene in Chattanooga, though it somewhat contrasted from the holiday title. If I'd have added anything, I'd have done another Christmas poetry bit with Cornette by the fireplace to lead in and maybe added a couple of additional Cornette segs just before commercial bumps.

They did try a new camera angle and I credit them for that. There were more replays on this show than on past CLASH events and we were at least given slo-mo replays of the TRUE GRIT angle from MCW to reset the scene for Dusty vs. Animal. Plus, when they had to stretch at the end, they at least pulled Cornette out for an interview that somewhat regenerated heat after the Midnights' loss and Ross & Caudle did have replays of the card highlights.

CREATIVE

At least you can count on Flair & Windham and the Express to give you their best and they did. In fact, they were so good, they looked out of place on the show. But I'm almost as sick of the ridiculous shoe ending as I am of the Dusty ref bump.

Even if Jim did oversell, he did a steady job and, if anything, his performance was dragged down by the quality of the matches. He & Caudle are still quality

even on their off nights.

The opener had plenty of excellent moves and would have been a terrific match at 15-20 minutes. The Eddie Gilbert arm injury dragged too long and I felt it would have been better for Simmons to throw in the towel rather than Eddie to give up a limp pinfall.

And, though it lacked much drama, the crowd genuinely popped for Dusty-Animal and the Sting save....and they stayed relatively enthusiastic through the finale.

Overall, though, this was a terribly disappointing show. And it was not of the calibre people expect from a made-for-TV supercard. Johnny Carson's admonishments to his young writer could well be heeded here. RATING: Overall Production, 2.8; Quality of Matches, 1.8; Crowd Enthusiasm, 3.0; Announcing, 3.5; Overall Excellence, 2.3. TOTAL: 14.4 on a scale of 25.

NWA TV TAPINGS: JIM & PAUL SAVE THE DAY

COLUMBUS, Ga. - These were not happy campers at the NWA tapings for Christmas weekend Tuesday night. Scores of the 2,300 present at the Columbus Municipal Auditorium were griping at paying $8 and $10 for predominantly squash matches. Promoter Ward is said to have pleaded with Jim Crockett not to tape TV as often (this was the third taping in the last four shows in the Fountain City) as houses are suffering.

Running down the matches...NWA PRO: Original Midnight Express d. The Fantastics when Dangerously used the phone on Tommy Rogers during a ref distraction. Cornette tried to get a reversal and was jumped by the O.M.E.; Dustin Rhodes & Kendall Windham d. Gary Royal/Curtis Thompson; Commandos d. Keith Steinborn/Randy Hogan; Barry Windham d. Italian Stallion in 1:03; Road Warriors d. Mike Justice/Terry Jones; Rick Steiner d. Bill Holliday.

LEARNING THE ROPES: Ric Flair destroyed The Masked Maniac (Stallion).

DARK MATCH: Warriors 15-minute draw with Luger & Steiner. Best part was Steiner biting Hawk's leg. Luger connected with a dropkick on Animal's knee.

WORLD WIDE: Midnight Express d. Royal/Bob Holliday; Kevin Sullivan/Mike Rotundo d. Steinborn/Bill Holliday; Roadies d. Hogan/Jerry Price; Fantastics d. Thompson/Randy Mulkey; Dustin & Kendall d. Mike Jackson/Justice; STRAIGHT TALK: Magnum w. Dusty (this was the only interview the crowd could hear all night); Flair/Windham d. Stallion/Jones.

At this point, the crowd was quite irritable at six squash tag matches and six no-shows: Jimmy Garvin (who was still billed in newspaper ads), Sting (who was said to be sick in posters outside the building), Ron Simmons, Gilbert, Williams and Bigelow (who had been plugged to face Barry on TV for 3 weeks...the match was not held nor replaced and no one was told why).

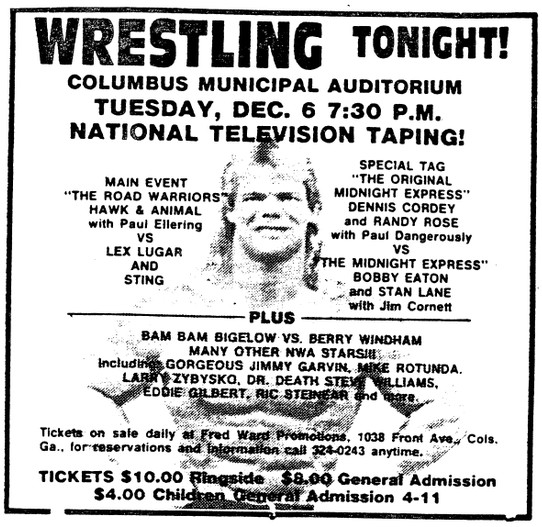
So leave it to two guys who the old Crockett guard (particularly a jealous Dillon) is trying to stiff to show how it's done right. In one of only three pre-Starrcade Midnights vs. Midnights matches, Cornette & Dangerously pulled off their coats, rolled up their sleeves and reminded me of two Georgia politicians determined to bring life into a dead political race.

On the Meltzer scale, this would have been ****1/2; on the MATWATCH scale, a PILEDRIVER-PLUS. These guys delivered 14 1/2 of the best minutes of pro wrestling I've ever witnessed. It may as well have been a six-man as Jim crashed the ring swinging the racket and Paul E. had to be "held back" by Condrey and Rose. The chairs began flying in the first two minutes as Eaton took two mighty swings at Rose and connected once. Rose, who has been tagged as the weak link of the four, gave a sterling effort, taking three nasty bumps---including an atomic drop onto an open steel chair. Randy sold brilliantly when Paul E. caught him with the phone at 6:00. If you wonder how this got over, virtually the entire house was up at 7:00, yelling "PAUL E. SUX" for nearly two minutes. And Cornette egged them on.

It finally ended when Paul E. smacked Lane with the phone but as the ref was watching Eaton and Condrey go at it outside, Cornette sneaked in and clobbered Rose with the racket, placed Stan on top and the fall was counted.

They even gave us about a 2-minute post-match brawl that ended with Paul E. being clobbered.

All six of these guys could have offered a token five minutes and taken their checks on a lackluster night but they tore the place up as if it were a finale in Madison Square Garden. I'm sure J.J. hated to see it. If Jack Petrik or any of the other TBS executives had seen it, they'd know why Cornette & Dangerously and the two Expresses can carry main event status anywhere and have fans begging for more. And if anyone in the organization believes killing this feud is in the best interest of the NWA, his head is like a needle on a phonograph record.



COMINGS & GOINGS

---Who left the arena before that great finale in Columbus? Jim Crockett, of course. According to several sources, morale has sunk to an even never low amongst the NWA troops since Crockett became booker.

---Crockett has booked Managers' Bunkhouse Battle Royals in January. This has about the same appeal as a Jones-Koloff rematch.

---Can anybody figure the sense in sticking Cornette and Dangerously in the REGULAR Bunkhouses?

---Inside sources tell me Saturday's TBS p.m. show will be as bad as it gets. From one insider: "Rick Steiner brings out a dog and hands it to Jim Ross to hold. That's the most exciting thing on the entire show."

---Bam Bam Bigelow has either quit or is said to be highly considering it. The Bammer missed several dates last week and if he flees, expect Eddie Gilbert to get the U.S. title shot at STARRCADE. The Christmas Eve TBS WCW show will feature a Gilbert-Windham match that has great potential.

---This week on TBS a.m., Paul E. hands out Christmas gifts when he co-hosts with David Crockett. But listen closely for some zingers from the Danger Man to D.C.

---New NWA operations chief Jim Heard met with Crockett either Dec. 3 or 4 for the first time and Crockett was said to have no idea of Heard's hiring. But the word I get from key personnel both in and out of the situation is that Heard, who was expected to start the wheels toward major innovations, shocked observers by supporting Crockett heavily. Says one: "Jimmy has more power than ever and no one has been allowed to get near Jim Heard (who attended the Dec. 8 TBS taping)."

---Al Perez has also reportedly left but Larry Zbyszko is recuperating from an auto accident which left him with a back injury. He's expected back Dec. 25.

---Expect the post-STARRCADE feuds to include Flair-Steiner, Windham-Gilbert, Midnights-Russian Assassins, Fantastics-O.M.E. But I'm told all of that could change on a day's notice.

---Last week in Central Florida, WWF taped angles which will further pry Hulk Hogan & Randy Savage apart, leading up to the Jan. 15 PPV Royal Rumble.

---The SNME for New Year's Eve was taped in Florida, too, and includes Terry Taylor's babyface turn. It was inevitable but I think it's too quick and Taylor will begin to sink in his push level, in my view.

---The Rockers-Brainbusters brawl last Saturday was one of the better ring-to-locker room battles I've ever seen Titan pull off.

---The fate of Southern Championship will be decided when Jerry Blackwell returns from Japan Monday. Even if Blackwell pulls the plug, the same nucleus of wrestlers will continue in a new organization.

---Joe Pedicino & Boni Blackstone did the three hours of SCW tapings last week. In the first hour, Mr. Wrestling II and a mystery partner (Ted Oates) took on Steve Lawler & Dino Minelli.

---John Michaels promised a surprise for Sir Samuel Kent in the SCW shows, so a midget, Tom Thumb, was brought in and during a mixed match in the second hour, Thumb's neck was painted red. But in the third hour, Thumb won a midget match to give him a 2-minute bout with Kent. Kent ran but Michaels tripped him up and revenge was served.

---The crowd in Columbus had no reax for Dustin Rhodes period! There was a bit of a cheer on the TBS show Saturday night but my impression is the kid will be good in about three years, certainly not now...and I think it's unfair to him to thrust him into the NWA.

---The SEASON'S BEATINGS rating averaged a 4.5 and a 6.8 share to 2.17 million homes, above the 4.0 projection of TBS. The show started at a 3.7 and built to a 4.9 at 9:00, opposite a powerful ABC comedy lineup and a major syndicated special, MANHUNT: LIVE. During that dreadful 9-10 hour, the rating dipped under a 4 but for the Midnights-Horsemen match, the rating rose to a 5.1 and 8 share, excellent for fall prime time on cable. A TBS exec told me, "We're pleased."

---Missy Hyatt will be returning soon to the NWA and TBS began fresh matches for NWA MAIN EVENT last Sunday. By January, I'm told TBS plans to get NME "back to what it was," with a new format and host (Gordon Solie is still being touted).

---CWF taped a Brad Armstrong-Tom Prichard title match Sunday in Montgomery. It airs New Year's weekend. The group will shut down Christmas week.

---Houses have taken another nosedive in the CWF. To be honest, Black Bart isn't getting over at all and I didn't think he would.

---Nelson Royal won't tape new Atlantic Coast shows until January. The first three shows will be repeated in succession.

---Don Owen complied with the commission in Portland and is back in business. He'll put up new guard rails and safety items. Matt Borne may have been suspended for his juice job.

---Owen will apparently have his men join with the NWA for a new round of Pacific NW shows in January. My Seattle buddy, Glenn Fox, says Owen will be off TV in the City of Kings for three weeks during December.

---An AWA WrestleRock with singer James Brown on Dec. 4 in Augusta GA drew only 389 fans in a 7,500 seat house. Brown was required to put on a concert as part of his probation for domestic troubles. Brown reportedly had to shell out $40,000 of his own money to make up the deficits.

---Finally, a hearing with the Illinois State Athletic Commission Friday which threatened the Jerry Lawler-Kerry Von Erich SUPER CLASH match ended with no action. Kerry was in Japan and reportedly, Vince McMahon was behind the effort to prevent Kerry---because of his partial foot amputation---from wrestling. Says a key source: "Vince just enjoyed screwing around with the thing."

CABLE RATINGS RAP
(Week of Dec. 3-9)

	Rating	Share
CLASH IV (TBS)	4.5	6.8
WCW (TBS 12/3)	3.1	6.1
WWF PTW (USA 12/5)	3.1	4.4
NWA M.E. (TBS 12/4)	1.8	3.0
NWA A.M. (TBS 12/3)	1.7	5.8

(ANALYSIS: The Saturday a.m. show was up a bit on TBS and it will be interesting to see if the Cornette/Dangerously co-host rotation affects the numbers. This was WCW's first 6-plus share in over a year but look at the major dip in NWA MAIN EVENT. WWF PRIME has moved back to Mondays which had little effect on its numbers.)

TV TEMPO (Week of Dec. 5-11)

(AWA) - AWA WRESTLING returns to ESPN Sunday morning at 1 a.m. (EST)/Saturday at 10 p.m. (PST).)

(ACW) - Rock & Roll Express d. Larry Stephens/Trent Knight; Doug Somers, Jimmy Garvin, M.O.D. Squad all win squashes. ANGLE: Buddy Landel challenges R&R. Next week: Landell & Somers face Ricky & Robert. DRAW.

(MEMPHIS) - RPMs d. Scott Steiner & Ronnie Leach; Rick Casey vs. Jimmy Golden ends in wild brawl; Brian Lee d. Mike Johnson; Beauty & the Beast d. Todd Morton/Alan Reynolds; Jeff Jarrett/Bill Dundee d. Mike Miller/Greg Brown. TAPE: Robert Fuller/Golden d. Cactus Jack Foley/Gary Young in loser-leave-town match (Foley & Young headed for World Class). DRAW-PLUS.

(WWC) - Rufus R. Jones d. Kareem Muhammad; Ronnie Garvin d. Miguelito Perez; P.R. TITLE: Ricky Santana d. Bobby Jaggers to regain title; CARRIBEAN TITLE: Jason the Terrible d. TNT when Chicky Starr interferes; UNIVERSAL TITLE: Ronnie Garvin d. Carlos Colon to win belt. POWERSLAM.

(SCW) - Ranger Ross double DQ w. Scrap Iron; Comrade Busich d. Joey Maggs; Steve Prichard d. Steve Bennett; Wrestling II/John Michaels d. Dino Minelli/Chic Donovan when Minelli decks Chic with object; Ray Candy DQ over Blackstud when Busich runs in. RESTHOLD-PLUS.

(PWTW) - First of 5 year-end recaps: AWA, Greg Gagne DQ over Brian Knobbs; CWA, Max Pain & Gary Young d. Jeff Jarrett & Manny Fernandez; WCCW, Simpson Sisters d. Vince Apollo/The Hood/Tony Falk; PORTLAND, Cocoa Samoa DQ over Abuda Dein; WWC, Carlos Colon team d. Hercules Ayala team in 10-man handcuff cage match; MAT CLASSIC: Ric Flair d. Kerry Von Erich to regain NWA belt in Japan (1984). No rating since basically a repeat.

(W. CLASS) - Jeff Jarrett/Michael Hayes d. Mark Stetson/David Hinkle; SST d. Marco Starr/The Frogman; Fuller & Golden d. Nature's Best; Steve Cox DQ over J.J. Funk when J.J. tries to hang Cox; Eric Embry DQ over the Beast, ending in 8-man brawl. RESTHOLD.

(LTR) - Ellen (Nicole Stoffman) has to deal with a new kid who blows up when she won't date him and just be her friend. The Road Warriors appear in a series of lectures to students at Robert's (Lyle Alzado) school on building a career. They say they're sure they've seen Robert (The Masked Maniac) before but Robert doesn't allude. MATCH: Arn Anderson d. The Maniac. DRAW-PLUS...not bad because the Road Warriors were in character no matter if the material was so-so.

(NWA/SYND.) - [NWA PRO]: Sting d. Randy Hogan; Steve Williams/Kevin Sullivan/Mike Rotundo DQ over Fantastics/Italian Stallion when Steiner runs in; LOUISVILLE SLUGGER: Jim Cornette slugs Paul E. Dangerously and a street brawl between Midnight Express and Only Midnight Express erups with chairs, trash cans and steel railings, plus Jim Ross goes nuts; Other winners: Bam Bam Bigelow, O.M.E., Lex Luger. ANGLE: TBS True Grit angle.
DRAW...Midnights bit was great!
[WORLD WIDE]: Steiner d. Gary Royal; Sting d. Masked Maniac; Other winners: Barry Windham, Varsity Club, Road Warriors. ANGLE: True Grit. STRAIGHT TALK: Magnum w. Luger. BOMB.

(NWA/TBS) - [WCW]: Fantastics d. Terry Jones/Rick Allen; Dustin Rhodes/Kendall Windham d. Mike Jackson & Cruel Connection I; Rotunda d. Stallion; Other winners: Road Warriors, Midnights, Eddie Gilbert/Ron Simmons, O.M.E., Bigelow, Commandos, Windham, Steiner. ANGLE: Louisville Slugger brawl. AWARDS: Bill Apter presents PWI awards to Sting (Most Improved), Road Warriors (Tag Team of the Year), J.J. Dillon (Manager) & Feud of the Year (Ric Flair vs. Lex Luger). BOMB-PLUS.
[AM]: Midnights d. Eddie Sweat/Jerry Price; O.M.E. d. Randy Hogan/Rick Allen; Other winners: Fantastics, Ivan Koloff, Eddie & Ron, Russian A's. BOMB....Cornette ate David Crockett's lunch at the mike.
[NWA MAIN EVENT]: Curtis Thompson d. Trent Knight; Larry Zbyszko d. Mike Justice; Varsity Club vs. Simmons & Steiner still on at deadline. DRAW...for all new matches. Good line - ROSS: "Curtis Thompson's body reminds me of Tony Schiavone's." TONY: "My wife thinks so."

(WWF) - [SUPERSTARS]: Rougeaus-Tully & Arn no contest, erupts into brawl to dressing room; Ted DiBiase d. Lanny Poffo; From SNME: Hulk Hogan destroys Bro. Love; Other winners: Jake Roberts, Bad News Brown, Red Rooster, Rougeaus. DRAW.
[CHALLENGE]: Rockers-Brainbusters brawl; From SNME: Rougeaus d. Stalions; Rick Rude d. Scott Casey; Owen Hart Blazer d. Steve Lombardi; Other winners: Tito Santana, Bubba Bossman, Akeem, Hercules Hernandez. RESTHOLD.
[SPOTLIGHT]: From SNME: Jake-Andre angle; SURVIVORS: Fuji angle; Koko B. Ware d. Mike Sharpe; Other winners: Akeem, Dino Bravo, Harley Race; Bro. Love w. Randy Savage. RESTHOLD.

(CLASH IV) - U.S. TAG CHAMPIONSHIP: Fantastics d. Gilbert/Simmons; Steve Williams d. Italian Stallion; Ivan Koloff d. Paul Jones but after Russian A's run in, Junkyard Dog saves; Road Warrior Animal d. Dusty Rhodes by DQ to claim NWA 6-man belts; Ric Flair/Barry Windham d. Midnight Express when Flair uses J.J.'s shoe on Bobby Eaton. RESTHOLD.

(CWF) - ANGLE REPLAYS: Dutch Mantel powders Tom Prichard, Black Bart-Tom Owen; Mantel d. Duce Mason; Danny Davis d. B.A. Burton; Tom Prichard d. J.D. Wolfe; Willie B. Hert d. Chuck Casey; Jerry Stubbs/Tony Anthony d. Lee Peek/Darrell Johnson; Johnny & Davey Rich vs. Kokina/Demolition ends in no contest brawl. BOMB-PLUS.

LINES OF THE WEEK - 1. Paul E. Dangerously, NWA PRO: "We've always been the kind who stick our fingers in your eye for fun. Just ask Ray Charles what happened when he met Dennis."; 2. Jim Cornette, NWA PRO: "The only thing you (Paul E.) have ever had hard on you is third grade."; 3. Vince McMahon, WWF: "They (Rougeaus) broadcast their nerdiness every time they speak."; 4. Bill Eadie (Ax), WWF: "When Freddie Krueger wants to come home, he has to ask us."; 5. Charlie Platt, CWF: "Dutch Mantel & Black Bart together are more nauseous than a 48-hour stomach virus."; 6. Kevin Sullivan, W. WIDE: "How'd you like him (Steiner) to show up at your door and say, 'I wanna take your daughter out.'?"; 7. Steiner, W. WIDE: "He (Rotunda) says I'm crazy just because I got electrocuted once."; 8. Jim Ross, TBS: "They (The Commandos) look like the covering on Fulton County Stadium turf during a rainout."; 9. Cornette, TBS: "I think his (Paul E.'s) parents made love in a flower bed, he's such a blooming idiot."; 10. Cornette, TBS: "I can't believe Paul Jones would deceive me after all the things he's sold me." 11. Paul Jones, TBS: "I have a song I've got to sing." 12. Cornette, TBS: "If his song is as long as that interview he just did, it'll last longer than Christmas, New Year & the bowls."

STRONGEST COMMENTS - 1. Dangerously, TBS: "If you (Stan Lane) were so stinkin' Fabulous, how come your other partner threw you out of THAT team?"; 2. Ric Flair, NWA PRO: "I don't care who they work for...if they haven't met Ric Flair, they haven't had a main event match."

NICKNAME OF THE WEEK - Hawk, TBS, for calling Bill Apter "gerbil-faced twit."

BEST PICTURES - 1. WWF, Heenan chewing out Red Rooster; 2. NWA, Louisville Slugger brawl, though lighting was weak; 3. WWF, Lanny Poffo hitting DiBiase with frisbee.

SENILITY AWARD - David Crockett, TBS, for saying the Midnight Express was in the U.S. Tag Team tournament, which they weren't.

BLOOPER AWARD - Jim Ross, TBS, for calling Dustin & Kendal "The Texas Outlaws," which he quickly corrected.

BOO AWARD - David Crockett, for stepping on every sentence of Tony Schiavone in the opening of WORLD WIDE.

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